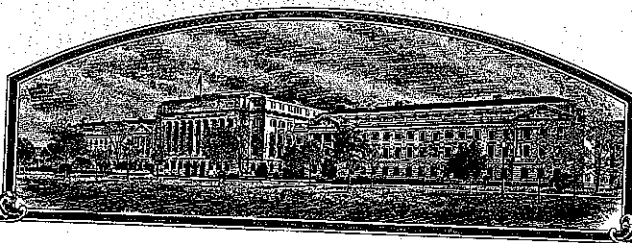


No.

200100078



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT; THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'96B51'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.



Alvin K. Post

Acting Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Am. McEnernon

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

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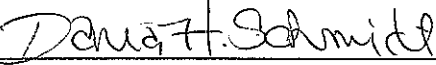
1. NAME OF OWNER Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME	2. VARIETY NAME 96B51
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 7300 N. W. 62 nd Avenue P. O. Box 1004 Johnston, IA 50131		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 515-254-2638	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 200100078 FILING DATE January 25, 2001
		6. FAX (include area code) 515-253-2288	
7. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON". GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation	8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Iowa	9. DATE OF INCORPORATION May 6, 1926	
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers) Daria Schmidt, Ph.D. 7300 NW 62 nd Ave. P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004			10. Jean Bromert (copy) 7100 NW 62 nd Ave. P. O. Box 1000 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1000
11. TELEPHONE (Include area code) 515-254-2638		12. FAX (Include area code) 515-253-2288	14. CROP KIND (Common Name) Soybean
13. E-MAIL schmidtah@phibred.com			
15. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties, verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,705), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)		19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act) <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 22)	
		20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, WHICH CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
		21. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT THE CLASSES BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, SPECIFY THE NUMBER 1, 2, 3, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED <i>(If additional explanation is necessary, please use the space indicated on the reverse.)</i>	
22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)		23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)	
24. The owners declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF OWNER 		SIGNATURE OF OWNER	
NAME (Please print or type) Daria H. Schmidt		NAME (Please print or type)	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Director, Associative Genetics/Technology Integration	DATE 1/22/01	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety**Soybean Variety 96B51**

Variety 96B51 evolved from a 1992 cross of A5979/S6266.

It is an F5-derived variety, which was advanced to the F5 generation by modified single seed descent. The F6 progeny row of 96B51 was grown in the summer of 1995. Subsequently, 96B51 has undergone five years of extensive testing and purification and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants. On the basis of yield potential, and resistance to races 3 and 14 of soybean cyst nematode, variety 96B51 was assigned a commercial number.

The purification block was grown during the summer of 1998 and 38 sublines were bulked for increase. 1.5 acres of 96B51 (breeders seed) were grown in the summer of 1999. 55 acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in the summer of 2000 and 2,345 bushels harvested.

Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness

Soybean Variety 96B51

Variety 96B51 is most similar to Variety 9671. Both varieties have purple flowers, tawny pubescence, and yellow seeds with black hila. However, 96B51 is resistant to Soybean Cyst Nematode races 3 and 14 whereas 9671 is susceptible to Soybean Cyst Nematode races 3 and 14.

Variety 96B51 is also similar to DP6880RR from Delta and Pine. Both varieties have tawny pubescence and yellow seeds with black hila. However, 96B51 has purple flowers, is resistant to Soybean Cyst Nematode races 3 and 14, and is susceptible to Roundup branded herbicides whereas DP6880RR has white flowers, is susceptible to Soybean Cyst Nematode races 3 and 14, and is resistant to Roundup branded herbicides.

Variety 96B51 is also similar to A6520 from Asgrow Seeds. Both varieties have purple flowers, tawny pubescence, yellow seeds with black hila, and resistance Soybean Cyst Nematode, races 3 and 14. However, 96B51 is susceptible to race 1 of *Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae* whereas A6520 is resistant to race 1 of *Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*.

Variety 96B51 is also similar to H6252 from Hartz Seed Company. Both varieties have purple flowers, tawny pubescence, yellow seeds with black hila, and are resistant to Soybean Cyst Nematode race 3. However, 96B51 is resistant to Soybean Cyst Nematode race 14 whereas H6252 is susceptible to Soybean Cyst Nematode race 14.

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**EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)**

**OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.)**

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	PVPO NUMBER 200100078
	VARIETY NAME 96B51
	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below.

Place a zero in the first box (e.g.,

9	9	9
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 or

0	9
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) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less respectively. Data for quantitative

plant characters should be based on a minimum of 100 plants. Comparative data should be determined from varieties entered in the same trial. Royal Horticultural Society or any recognized color standard may be used to determine plant colors; designate system used:

Please answer all questions for your variety; lack of response may delay progress of your application.

A. MORPHOLOGY

Seed Shape:

<table border="1"><tr><td>2</td></tr></table>	2	1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios < 1.2)	2 = Spherical-Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio < 1.2)
2			
	3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W ratio < 1.2)	4 = Elongate-Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W ratio > 1.2)	

Seed Coat Color:

<table border="1"><tr><td>1</td></tr></table>	1	1 = Yellow	2 = Green	3 = Brown	4 = Black	5 = Other (Please Specify) _____
1						

Seed Coat Luster:

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1			

Seed Size:

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1	2		

Hilum Color:

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6						

A. MORPHOLOGY (Continued)

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Cotyledon Color:

☐ 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

Seed Protein Peroxidase Activity:

☐ 1 = Low 2 = High

Hypocotyl Color:

☐ 1 = Green ('Evans' or 'Davis') 2 = Green with Bronze Bands below Cotyledons ('Woodworth' or 'Tracy') 3 = Light Purple below Cotyledons ('Beeson' or 'Pickett 71') 4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson', 'Coker', or 'Hampton 266A')

Leaflet Shape:

☐ 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Please Specify) _____

Flower Color:

☐ 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with a Purple Throat

Pod Color:

☐ 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

Pubescence Color:

☐ 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny) 3 = Light Tawny

Plant Habit:

☐ 1 = Determinate 2 = Semi - Determinate 3 = Indeterminate 4 = Intermediate

Maturity Group:

<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	1 = 000 6 = III 11 = VIII	2 = 00 7 = IV 12 = IX	3 = 0 8 = V 13 = X	4 = I 9 = VI 14 = XI	5 = II 10 = VII 15 = XII
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Maturity Subgroup:

☐ 5 Please enter a value from 0 - 9

B. DISEASE REACTIONS

0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible 2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant

Bacterial

☐ 0 Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *glycines* (Nakano) Dye)

☐ 1 Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *glycinea* (Coerper) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)

☐ 0 Wildfire Blight (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tabaci* (Wolf & Foster) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)

B. DISEASE REACTIONS (Continued)

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Fungal

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines* Hemmi)

Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina* Hara)

race 1

race 2

race 3

race 4

race 5

race 6

Other (Please Specify) _____

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola* (Berk. & Curt.) Wei)

Downey Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manchurica* (Naum.) Syd. ex Gäum)

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa* Cke. & Pk.)

Brown Stem Rot (*Phialophora gregata* (Allington & Chamberlain) W. Gams.)

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. *caulivora* Athow & Caldwell)

Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. *sojae* (Lehman) Wehm.)

Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii* (T. Matsu. & Tomoyasu) Gardener)

Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani* Kühn)

Phytophthora Root Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* Drechs. f. sp. *glycinea* (Kuan & Erwin))

race 1

race 8

race 15

race 22

race 2

race 9

race 16

race 23

race 3

race 10

race 17

race 24

race 4

race 11

race 18

race 25

race 5

race 12

race 19

race 26

race 6

race 13

race 20

Other (Please Specify)

race 7

race 14

race 21

Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

- 1 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- 1 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- 1 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

Nematode

Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines* Ichinohe)

0	race 1	0	race 4	0	race 9
0	race 2	0	race 5	2	race 14
2	race 3	0	race 6		Other (Please Specify) _____

- 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus columbus* Sher)
- 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita* (Kofoid & White) Chitwood)
- 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne hapla* Chitwood)
- 1 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria* (Neal) Chitwood)
- 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchus reniformus* Linwood & Olivera)
- 0 Javanese Nematode (*Meloidogyne javanica* (Treub) Chitwood)
- 0 Other Nematode (Please Specify) _____

C. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES

0 = Not Tested

1 = Susceptible

2 = Resistant

3 = Tolerant

0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

0 Phosphorus

0 Other (Please Specify) _____

0 Boron

0 Aluminum

0 Salt

0 Drought

D. INSECT REACTIONS

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- Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis* Mulsant)
- Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae* (Harris))
- Other (Please Specify) _____

E. HERBICIDE REACTIONS

0 = Not Tested

1 = Susceptible

2 = Resistant

- Metribuzin
- Bentazone
- Sulfonylurea
- Glyphosate
- Glufosinate
- Pendimethalin
- Other (Please Specify) _____

F. TRANSGENIC COMPOSITION

Has the development of the subject variety included the insertion of genetic material from an organism other than a soybean, or, the removal of genetic material from the application variety?

If yes, please complete the following information requests*. Use additional pages if necessary.

☐ YES ☒ NO

1. Please state the vector's name:
2. Please state the vector components:
3. Please describe the genetic material successfully transferred into the subject variety:
4. Please describe the insertion protocol:

* A literature citation(s) explaining the four information requests above may be an acceptable alternative to completion of the "Transgenic Composition" portion of this form.

G. BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS

Please describe any biochemical information here, which you believe will be helpful in further describing the subject variety (e.g. Simple Sequence Repeats, Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms, Isozymic Characterization). Use additional pages if necessary.

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H. COMMENTS

Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety**Soybean Variety 96B51**

In Exhibit C we have identified variety 96B51 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle and seed mottle.

This does not mean that variety 96B51 is any worse for these problems than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 96B51 to be immune to these problems. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as "susceptible".

Variety 96B51 is a mid Group VI variety. If Group VI varieties are divided into tenths, the relative maturity of 96B51 is 6.5.

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8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in the appropriate block.
If no, please explain.☒ YES ☐ NO9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. National or a U.S. based company?
If no, give name of country☒ YES ☐ NO

10. Is the applicant the original owner?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If the original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. National(s)?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If no, give name of country

b. If the original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use the reverse for extra space):

Please Note:

Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licensees) who meet the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

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